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SUBJECT: GENERAL DEMIREL -- DIFFERING PERSPECTIVES

REF: NICOSIA 3391 AND ANKARA 7890

1. DIFFERENT EVALUATIONS OF GENERAL DEMIREL REPORTED REFTELS ACCURATELY REFLECT AMBIVALENT ATTITUDES TURKS AND TURK CYPRIOTS HAVE DEVELOPED TOWARDS EACH OTHER SINCE JULY 20. TURK CYPRIOTS REGARD THEMSELVES AS BETTER EDUCATED, MORE URBANE, AND DEFINITELY MORE EUROPEAN THAN THEIR MAINLAND COMPATRIOTS. TURKS, AND PARTICULARLY TURK MILITARY, CONSIDER THE LOCALS UNMANLY, INEFFICIENT, AND CORRUPT.

2. UNDERLYING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN TURK CYPRIOTS AND MAINLANDERS

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FURTHER COMPOUNDED BY HEAVY-HANDED MANNER IN WHICH LATTER HAVE TAKEN

OVER RUNNING OF ADMINISTRATION IN OCCUPIED AREA. FRICTION, SUCH AS THAT DESCRIBED IN NICOSIA REFTTEL, WAS BOUND TO DEVELOP.

3. THIS SAID, DEMIREL APPARENTLY HAS MADE LITTLE EFFORT DEMONSTRATE HIS MORE ADMIRABLE CHARACTERISTICS TO THE LOCAL ESTABLISHMENT, EMBASSY CONTACTS INVARIABLY DESCRIBE HIM AS TOUGH AND INFLEXIBLE, INTERESTED ONLY IN MILITARY SECURITY. THIS ATTITUDE PERMEATES TURKISH ARMY IN CYPRUS.

4. SOURCE FOR NICOSIA REFTTEL, NECDET UNEL, IS ABSTEMIOUS VIENNESE EDUCATED GYNECOLOGIST MOST COMFORTABLE IN COMPANY EUROPEAN INTELLECTUALS. GIVEN THIS ORIENTATION, DOUBT WHETHER HE WOULD PERCEIVE MUCH DIFFERENCE BETWEEN AN "ANATOLIAN PEASANT" AND "THE KANSAS CITY KID". CRAWFORD

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